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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
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From The Excise Commissioner in Mysore (1)

To The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

Dated 14th May 1892

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Enclosures No. 2

General No. 1003
No. 45 } 188

Forwarding copy of Mr Millar's demi official letter regarding the rates of price payable to the manufacturer for Country Spirits of higher strengths than 20° U. P.

Recd & Submit
MSR 17/5/92

Submitted
Subd 18/5/92

Please see extracts from the Arrack Rules and the Notification inviting tenders for the manufacture of arrack & the prices entered in the Excise counter draft have been fixed in accordance with the said Rules Mr Millar is bound to accept them -

MSR 18/5/92

Reply Query to the Rules & Notification above mentioned, say that they determine the question and that this letter contains no sufficient ground for cancelling Capellas Miles wrong in any respect

18/5

Please see Para 21/5
Excise Rules

SECTION
No. 26 To 1892

No. 1 Dated 13 May 1892

D. O. dated 14th May 1892 from the Excise Commissioner

No. 1003
45
(Encls: 2.)

Excise Commissioner's Office
Bangalore 14th May 1892.
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(1)

From

The Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore

Sir,

In forwarding herewith Copy of a demi Official letter, dated 23rd April 1892, from Mr. A. D. Millar Agent to Messrs Parry & Co manufacturers of Country Spirits to the Mysore State, giving his opinion in regard to the rates of price payable to the manufacturer for Country Spirits of higher strength than 20° Under Proof, I have the honor to state that the subject deserves careful Consideration

2 I am not inclined to permit Arrack-Shop-keepers to sell the

stronger spirits in their shops;
for it is then in their power to
dilute it and bring it down to 20°
Under Proof and sell it as arrack:
they may also dilute the 20° Under Proof
at sale, and at time of inspection or
on the eve of it restore the 20° Under
Proof strength by mixing the stronger
spirits. These remarks are based on my
conviction that the present inspection
is far from effective or efficient;
and it must remain so unless the
strength of the Executive Establish
ment is trebled.

3. Mr. Millar's Contention
that the prices fixed will not pay,
may be sound. I cannot say positively
that it is so or is not so he is how=
=ever bound under Contract to sell the
stronger liquor at the fixed Government
rates it is for Government to decide
whether the rates shall remain so,
or may be modified. Messrs. Papamichael
abided by these rates, and they did not
complain. The Consumption of these
Spirits after all is very little, and it

was this fact probably that did not 4
force the late Contractors to move
in the matter

4. Mr Millars proposal to
leave the Manufacturers to deal with
the Shop-keeper is a fair one, and
may possibly increase the State Revenue
and discourage the importation of
German and other cheap liquors.
I am of opinion that it deserves a
fair trial.

5 The draft notice referred
to in Mr Millar's letter is herewith
sent for reference.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

R. Meyer Jenkins
Excise Commissioner
in Mysore

Bangalore, 23rd April 1892. 5

My Dear Mr Vijayendra Rao, 1/a

You asked me to give you my opinion on the rates Specified in your Draft Notice for spirits. The Notice deals with plain Spirit over 20°26 P. and with what are usually called Europe Spirits. To refer to plain Spirit first, the rates payable to the distiller as shown are actually below cost price so that to prescribe Saur would be to practically prohibit its manufacture and would result in dealers going to British Territory for their requirements, thus losing the duty to the Mysore Government. If this is the case as regards plain spirit, the rates are even more impracticable for Europe spirits which are much more expensive to make. My view is that all Spirits of whatever kind, of a higher strength than Arrack (the maximum Strength of which is 20°26 P.) Should be treated alike and that the manufacturer should be allowed to fix his own rates for Saur. He would have to compete with coarse very low priced German spirits imported from British Territory, and he may be trusted to so regulate his prices as to attract the trade and keep it in his own hands.

Unrestricted by Government, private enterprise will do this, but hampered by the imposition of fixed rates which cannot possibly make allowance for all possible changes in the prices of materials, plant &c, private enterprise cannot foresee a reasonable likelihood of permanent success

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Consequently will not risk money in the necessary plant &c.
All we ask is to be given a free hand in the Sale of spirits
which are not a state monopoly, the Government merely
collecting the duty on same, and I feel sure that in time,
a considerable Source of Revenue and a trade (which do not
now exist) will develope. If this plan were adopted, I believe
it would only be necessary for the Government to notify
that dealers and others Should in future apply to the distillers
for any Spirit they require other than Arrack paying duty
therefor at the Distillery at the rates in force for the time being
and making their own arrangements with the manufacturer
as to the Value to be paid for the spirit. The Simplicity and
advantages of this System, will, I think, recommend it to you,
but, if it is decided that we can only be allowed to fix our own
prices for Europe liquors and that rates for plain spirit above
20° U.P. must be prescribed, I would Say that as Suggested
by you the distiller would be fairly remunerated by the rates
Shewn in the column of the Schedule headed "Retail price per
gallon payable by the public".

I beg to return the Schedule and Draft notice herewith & remain

Yours &c.

(Signed) A. P. Hillar.

"Copy"

R. Vigors

Excise Commissioner.

NOTICE

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It is hereby notified for general information that the Government duty, including the local cess of one anna in the rupee, payable on spirits of various strengths, "Rum," "Milk Punch": and other liquors manufactured in the Distillery, the prices at which the same shall be sold by the manufacturer and the retail prices at which the same shall be sold to the public, shall be as specified in the following table, subject to such revision as may be ordered by Government from time to time. The calculations are made upon the basis of Rs. 4 and Rs. 3—14—0, the rates of duty on liquor of 20° under-proof fixed by Government for the Maidan and Malnad parts of the Mysore State, respectively, Rs. 0—10—6 the price of liquor 20° under-proof agreed to by the manufacturer, and Rs 5—5—0 the retail price of liquor 20° under-proof fixed by Government:—

Manufacture

Names of Districts or parts of Districts.	Description of Liquors of various Strengths, &c.	Duty per gallon including Local Cess.			Price per gallon payable to ~~the Distr.~~			Total still-head duty per gallon.			Retail price per gallon payable by the public.			
Civil and Military Station. City of Bangalore Bangalore District Kolar do Tumkur do Mysore do Chitaldroog do and Hole-Narsipur, Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks.	30° under-proof	3	8	0	0	9	2¼	4	1	2¼	4	10	4½	
	20° do	4	0	0	0	10	6	4	10	6	5	5	0	
	10° do	4	8	0	0	11	9¾	5	3	9¾	5	15	7½	
	Proof	5	0	0	0	13	1½	5	13	1½	6	10	3	
	10° over-proof ...	5	8	0	0	14	5¼	6	6	5¼	7	4	10½	
	20° do	6	0	0	0	15	9	6	15	9	7	15	6	
	30° do	6	8	0	1	1	0¾	7	9	0¾	8	10	1½	
	40° do	7	0	0	1	2	4½	8	2	4½	9	4	9	
	50° do	7	8	0	1	3	8¼	8	11	8¼	9	15	4½	
	60° do	8	0	0	1	5	0	9	5	0	10	10	0	
	65° do	8	4	0	1	5	7⅞	9	9	7⅞	10	15	3¾	
	Milk Punch ... In Bangalore Town and Cantonment...										1	0	0	Per bottle.
	Milk Punch ... In Districts.										1	2	0	Per bottle.
Kadur District. Shimoga do Hassan ~~do and~~ Manjarabad, Belur and Arkalgud Taluks.	30° under-proof	3	6	3	0	9	2¼	3	15	5¼	4	10	4½	
	20° do	3	14	0	0	10	6	4	8	6	5	5	0	
	10° do	4	5	9	0	11	9¾	5	1	6¾	5	15	7½	
	Proof	4	13	6	0	13	1½	5	10	7½	6	10	3	
	10° over-proof...	5	5	3	0	14	5¼	6	3	8¼	7	4	10½	
	20° do	5	13	0	0	15	9	6	12	9	7	15	6	
	30° do	6	4	9	1	1	0¾	7	5	9¾	8	10	1½	
	40° do	6	12	6	1	2	4½	7	14	10½	9	4	9	
	50° do	7	4	3	1	3	8¼	8	7	11¼	9	15	4½	
	60° do	7	12	0	1	5	0	9	1	0	10	10	0	
	65° do	7	15	10½	1	5	7⅞	9	5	6⅜	10	15	3¾	
	Milk Punch										1	2	0	Per bottle.

Excise Commissioner

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For Reference

Extract from the Rules published with Notification No 495 J. 30th March 1892

Part I., Rule II

Para 3

For liquor of greater or less strength than 20° under proof which may be specially manufactured and issued under Rules sanctioned by the Govt the price shall be calculated proportionately (upon the price for 20° under-proof) in accordance with Castella's rules

Extract from Advertisement inviting tenders (notfn No 929 J. 23d Dec 91)

Para 5 For liquor of greater or less strength than 20° under proof which may be specially manufactured & issued with the approval of the Govt, the price given will be according to such strength proportionately on the rates fixed for liquor 20 under proof in accordance with Castella's Rule.

Extracts from Arrack
Rules and from the
Notifn. inviting tenders
for the manufacture
of arrack

(General Serial No. 30.)

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OFFICE OF THE DEWAN OF MYSORE
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From
The Excise Commissioner
to Mysore

SECTION S R

To
The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

FILE No. 26 (81-2)

SERIAL No. 2

Dated 30th June 1892

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Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 15

No. 3

In ~~reply to~~ Continuation of this office No. 1003/45 dated 14th May 1892.

SUBJECT.

States that he concurs in his predecessor's opinion that arrack renders and farmers and separate shop keepers should not be permitted to sell country spirits of higher strength than 20° U.P., that in regard to higher strength than 20° U.P. the manufacturers should be allowed to fix his own rates for them, and authority to sell them to the License holders of Foreign liquor shops, and that with a view to meet old existing demand Messrs Parry & Co. have been permitted to commence the bottling in the Distillery in anticipation of Government sanction.

References (to be entered only in the Dewan's Office).

8.7.92

Rec 8/7/92

Rec'd Mark 2/7/92

Draft order

Office of the Excise Commissioner,
in Mysore,

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No. 15/3

Dated, Bangalore, 30th June 1892.

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From,

The Excise Commissioner,
in Mysore.

To,

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office No: 1003/45, dated 14th/17th May 1892, I have the honor to state that I concur in the opinion of my predecessor that Arrack Vend farmers and Separate shop keepers should not be permitted to sell country spirits of higher strength than 20° U.P.; that is to say, they should be restricted to the vend of only Arrack, the maximum Strength of which is 20° Under proof The Government know the cost of manufacturing Arrack, and they have rightly prescribed prices of Arrack for the manufacturer and Vendor.

2. But spirits of any Strength above 20° U.P. cost more than the proportionate rate calculated on the rates for 20° U.P. They require Special arrangements for their manufacture

manufacture, and the cost of manufacture varies from time to time. I am of opinion that in regard to these Spirits, Government Should not concern themselves beyond collecting the prescribed duty to be calculated proportionately under the Rules upon the duty for 20°U.P, and that the manufacturer Should be allowed to fix his own rates for them. I am inclined to believe that it will prove a Step in the right direction, tending not only to the development of the industry, but also to Successful competition with the imported foreign liquors, thereby increasing the state Revenue at the cost it may be said of foreign importers.

3. Under Rule VI. in Government Notification No:31, dated 9th May/89, the license holders for the vend of foreign liquors are permitted to Sell double distilled country spirits. The manufacturer may be authorized to issue Such Spirits to them at his own prices, in not less than one dozen reputed quart bottles at one time, duly corked and labelled with the Imperial Government Seal and Carry and/or Seal on cork, they (License holders) being permitted to charge their own prices based on the safe and Sure principles of competition, in Selling the liquors to the public. Hospitals, Dispensaries, and other public institutions, may be supplied direct from the Distillery, as at present, or by purchase from foreign liquor shop-keepers. But no issues Shall be made from the Distillery in quantities less than two gallons, or one dozen reputed quart bottles, except in the form of samples. If public institutions require

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less than two gallons they must obtain from License holders Under these conditions, and with a view to meet old existing demand, which at present is not complied with at all to the loss of Government and License-holders, I have permitted the bottling of the Spirits Drug commenced at once in the Distillery by Messrs Parry & Co in anticipation of Government Sanction, on the receipt of which a draft Notification to amend the existing Rules on the subject will be prepared and Submitted for approval and publication.

4. Requesting the favor of early orders,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

S Mitchell

Excise Commissioner.

M.S.

(General Serial No. 30.)

1892

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SECTION S. R.

FILE No. 26-(81-2)

SERIAL No. 31

From The Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore.

To The Excise Commr in Mysore.

Dated 28th Decr 92

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 9525

No. R. 1199-92

According sanction, temporarily for 1 year from 1st July 92 to 31st June 93, to Messrs Parry & Co, bottling double distilled Spirits in the Central distillery, & issuing the same at their own prices to Foreign liquor Shopkeepers &c.

~~Answered~~ Vide Excise Commrs letter No. 3789 & 217 3rd January 1893, proposing Amendments in Arrack Rules in consequence of this order. MM

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Read: —

Para 3 of Excise Commrs' letter No 15/3 dated 30th June 1892 — requesting permission to authorize Messrs Savey & Co. Arrack Manufacturers to Govt to issue double distilled Country Spirits to the license holders for the vend of foreign liquors who under Rule VI in Govt Notification No 31 dated 9th May 1889, are permitted to sell double distilled Country Spirits, at their own prices in not less than one dozen reputed quart bottles at one time, duly Corked and Labelled and reporting that he has in Anticipation of Sanction

Submitted

The Dewan passed orders on this subject on the list of Excise References which is with the Chf. Secy.

MSR
22/12

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No 9525 D/26-12-92
R 1199-92 28.

Permitted messrs Parry & Co
to commence the bottling
of double distilled spirits
at once

Order thereon :—

As recommended
by the Excise Commissioners
sanction is accorded tempo-
rarily for one year from 1st July 92 to 30th June 1893 to messrs
Parry & Co bottling double distilled
spirits in the distillery
in the manner described
in the above and selling
them same at their own prices.
to foreign
liquor shop keepers in quantities of
not
less than one dozen reputed
quart bottles at a time.
At the end of the year
the Excise Commissioner

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will submit a report as to how the arrangements have worked.

Draft

Chief Secretary

To the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.